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# City arena plans bared

Report changes raise questions about taxpayer input: Federation

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Specifics deleted from a city report pushing for a new arena in downtown Edmonton give a rare insight into how the city's civic leaders sold the idea to taxpayers.

Taxi and hotel levies were originally suggested in the report to help pay for a new home for the Edmonton Oilers in a draft of a report obtained by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation through a Freedom of Information request.

"Taxpayers have a right to know what new taxes are part of the Mayor's plan."

Canadian Taxpayers Federation director Scott Hennig

In the City Shaping report, authored by Mayor Stephen Mandel's Leadership Committee for a New Sports Facility, it originally called for the levies to pay for the rink; those tax suggestions were removed before the report was published March 25.

"Taxpayers have a right to know what new taxes are part of the Mayor's plan," said CTF director Scott Hennig in a release.

Thirty per cent of the costs to build the new arena will be paid for by Oilers owner and Rexall billionaire Daryl Katz and other "private entities," cites the final report. That means the rest of the bill could be paid for by taxpayers, says Hennig.

In the draft report that was obtained by the federation,

changes were made to the report by committee member Lyle Best that included sections that were cut out. Those sections included information that all of the NHL arenas built in Canada in the last 20 years were all built with private dollars.

Best hasn't responded to calls from Metro about the revision.

"Clearly the committee believed that the fact that all of the new NHL arenas in Canada were built without any tax dollars hurt their case that Edmontoon needs taxpayers to help foot this bill," said Hennig in a release.



A group of curious visitors take a close look at The Smoker plastinate at the Body Worlds exhibit at Telus World of Science yesterday. The controversial show is at the halfway point through its Edmonton run.

# Body Worlds visitors want to take the plunge

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Scores of visitors at the controversial Body Worlds exhibit at the Telus World of Science are so keen on the educational show they want to join up.

Krista Goheen, a spokeswoman with Gunther Von Hagens' Body Worlds 1 exhibit, says it receives over a dozen inquiries a week from visitors interested in becoming body donors since the show opened June 13. Goheen says that's on par with other cities that have hosted the ex-

The Body Worlds exhibit features 200 specimens that include organs and bodies that have been preserved using a process called plastination, which includes replacing all body fluids and fat with reactive resins and polymers.

The exhibit wraps up Oct. 13.



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Tomorrow the Caribbean comes to Edmonton with the kickoff of the annual Cariwest Festival. The three-day event starts with a colourful Costume Extravaganza on Friday night at the Mayfield Inn, and a parade Saturday at 11 a.m. down Jasper Avenue. Tickets for any Cariwest events are available at (780) 421-7800. METRO EDMONTON



## Lock up while outside, police warn

Edmonton police are asking residents to make sure their doors are locked when doing yard work. A number of burglaries around the city have occurred while the homeowner was working in the yard outside, including a break and enter that



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## Accused's employer had cousin on bus

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When Vince Augert learned his cousin watched in horror while a man was repeatedly stabbed on a Greyhound Bus bound for Winnipeg last week, he couldn't fathom that one of his own employees that hadn't shown up for work would be charged with the brutal murder.

"My cousin from Winnipeg was a passenger on that bus. He was going back from Winnipeg from Edmonton. I think he was sit-



Watch a video preview of the Edmonton Folk Music Festival **Play** online Word Roundup! ting at the front," Augert said. "That was a coincidence itself. Then to find out two days



Vince Li (al-

legedly) committed the crime and he was an employee of mine was totally shocking."

Li was arrested last week, after he allegedly stabbed 22-year-old Tim McLean in the neck multiple times. then decapitated him, before taunting police and passengers with his severed head. Media reports indicate Li may have cut off other parts of McLean's body, and may have eaten some.

Augert, who coincidentally once lived in Portage La Prairie — 20 km from where passengers fled the Greyhound Bus — said Li didn't show up for his job as a newspaper carrier last week and disappeared.

"He called me in the second week of July to say he was going to Winnipeg for a job interview and would need a few days off. He never called back.

Li delivered the Edmonton Journal, Edmonton Sun and National Post for 13 months. Augert said he was a model employee, suited for a job in which he could keep to himself.

"Ĥe was a nice guy. I could call him up and meet with him for coffee and ask him for help with this or that. I feel sorry for him and for the victim of course,' Augert said.

Though he hasn't spoken with his cousin, Augert said he can't comprehend what passengers are going through.

"I'm sure anyone that was a passenger on that bus is shaken up," he said. "There were 37 people on that bus and it could have been any one of them, perhaps.

## **Puppet Theatre Stories from the Street**



Coun. Kim Krushell reads a story to children registered in the City of Edmonton summer program, Puppet Theatre, during a visit from Sesame Street stars Elmo and Grover. The special event took place this morning at the Eastwood Community Hall.

## Police warn of shifty alarm company tactics

COMPLAINTS Edmonton Police are warning residents to do their homework when it comes to picking an alarm company.

Police spokeswoman Patricia Chalupczynska said police have received close to 75 complaints about a company that operates in Edmonton and the Better Business Bureau of Edmonton says it has been flooded with calls about a number of security companies.

And the Better Business Bureau has received over 1,000 complaints from across North America against Utah-based APX Alarm Security Solutions Inc. that includes highpressure sales tactics by salespeople to knocking on people's doors during late hours of the day.

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2 Locations in Edmonton



Nerds from all corners of Canada will come together for Fragapalooza today, the largest LAN party in the country. The Northlands Sportex event starts at 9 a.m. and runs until Sunday at 6 p.m. It costs \$90 to team up with an army of computer geeks for round-the-clock online gaming.

## Youths in court for soccer beating

Two of four teens accused of severely beating a soccer dad after a game turned ugly appeared in court yesterday.

When the other two teens didn't show, a judge ordered warrants for their arrest. Lawyers for the two teens eventually showed up in court and the warrants were cancelled.

None of the accused teenagers can be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

A fifth person, 18-yearold Manpreet Grewal, will stand trial in January on an aggravated assault charge.

On June 5, 43-year-old Dean Smith was savagely beaten after a game be-tween his son's team and the team the accused youths play for.

The two teens who appeared in court vesterday will see a judge next on

## **Warrant issued** for sex offender

COURT Police have issued a warrant for the arrest of a 52-year-old sex criminal after he



failed to show up at halfway house Aug. 1 as part of a court order

James James Monias Michael Mo-

nias was released from the Edmonton Remand Centre last year after serving a four-year prison sentence for attacking a seven-year-old boy and his nine-vear-old sister.

Anyone with information about Monias is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-

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## RCMP tight-lipped with autopsy

Dale Dechamps' body found in an alley on Samson townsite on Aug. 2

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An autopsy for a 21-yearold man found dead in a back alley last week has been completed, but Mounties aren't releasing how the man

The body of Dale Dechamps was found in

an alley in the "A Block" area of the Samson townsite on Aug. 2.

**RCMP** Dechamps was murdered at the same location his body was found.

"It's where he perished, guess," said Hobbema RCMP Cpl. Darren Bruno.

At present, Mounties aren't releasing how Dechamps died, although "They've determined what the cause of death is, but investigators won't release that, due to the nature of the investigation."

RCMP Cpl. Darren Bruno

media reports suggest he was beaten to death.

"They've determined what the cause of death is, but investigators won't release that, due to the nature of the investiga-

Investigators the homicide was not gang related.

Not a week earlier, 16year-old Billy Buffalo was shot dead on the Samson townsite. Days before the shooting, RCMP anshooting, nounced a gun amnesty in Hobbema.

RCMP do not believe the two murders are con-



they were raised above the main stage area of the Edmonton Folk Fest in Gallagher Park.

## Sunshine, music promise folks a blazing time

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Temperatures are set to soar this weekend, and

those who plan to enjoy outdoor ac-tivities like "Hopefully, it'll stay the Edmonton Folk Fest warm until Sunday. should take When it gets too proper pre-cautions behot, it rains. I'd prefore sizzling **fer it stayed 25 C all** 

summer sun. "There isn't a lot of there's a shower, it shade on site, constantly re- down." minding people to wear a and Terry Wickham

drink lots of water," said Folk Fest producer Terry Wickham.

Environment predicts tomorrow's temperatures will reach 31 C. Saturday's temperatures are forecast for 27

Sunscreen is a key and will be sold on the grounds of the festival, and bottled water will be readily available for sale. Wickham reusable bottle, which can be filled at the site's fresh water taps.

Sunday's predicted temperatures are considerably cooler at 17 C, with a near

certain possibility of rain.

"Hopefully, it'll stay warm until Sunday,' Wickham said.

"When it gets too hot, it rains. I'd prefer stayed 25 C all weekend, but when it's really hot and there's a shower, cools people

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Folk Fest producer

cools people

Tickets for the Folk Fest are sold out but some are still available on the swap board at www.edmonton folkfest.org/

## More coverage

• For more on the Edmonton Folk Fest, see page 14.





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Military funding doesn't add up

The Conservative government's pledge for a stable funding program for the Canadian military will actually result in less money for the cash-strapped Forces because of inflation, a Senate committee released yesterday said. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

# Canada



## More charges for teacher

Prosecutors in Virginia unsealed another 17-count indictment against a Montreal private-school teacher yesterday, bringing to 27 the number of charges against him in a child-sex sting set up by police in Fredericksburg, Va. Richard Doucet, 36, a teacher at Westmount's prestigious Selwyn House, was arrested in early May, after he was arrested by an undercover officer who had been posing online as a 13-year-old boy.

## Bags of petitions stream in

Human rights groups continue to protest Beijing Games

TRACEY TONG Metro Canada

On the eve of the Beijing Olympics, Ottawa demonstrators made a last effort yesterday to improve the human rights situation in China before the games begin.

A handful of protesters calling for a free Tibet chained themselves to the gate of Ottawa's Chinese embassy on St. Patrick St., while Amnesty International officials tried to deliver petition cards signed by Canadians demanding that China keep its pre-Olympic promise to address human rights complaints.

The Chinese govern-



Lindsay Mossman, a campaigner for Human Rights Asia and Amnesty International, attempts to deliver bags full of petitions signed by thousands of Canadians to the Chinese Embassy on St Patrick Street in Ottawa yesterday.

ment promised to improve human rights if they won the 2008 Olympics and Amnesty is holding them to it, said David Kelleher, president of Amnesty International Canada.

The campaign was to protest the lack of fair trials, media censorship, repression of activists and to stop executions, which numbered 6,000 in China last year.

Amnesty spokeswoman Lindsay Mossman said 65,000 people across Canada have sent postcards or e-mails and signed petitions over the last year, indicating their support for Amnesty's cause. Kelleher had requested

Kelleher had requested to meet with the Chinese ambassador about 10 days

ago.

He never heard back, despite a follow up call days later.

The protest ended without any arrests.

appointment for a no-charge consultation.

# Vancouver torch to stay on Canadian soil

OLYMPICS The Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics will not stage an international torch relay to avoid any potential worldwide protests, the Games chief John Furlong said yesterday.

"The torch relay will be

"The torch relay will be announced at the end of this year. It will only be in Canada," Furlong said of the 35,000 kilometre domestic relay that will last 106 days.

"We see this as a way for every Canadian to come face to face with the Games," he told an IOC session.

The IOC have decided to review the torch relay after the Beijing 2008 Games international leg turned into a weeks-long demonstration by activists against China's human rights



Elvis Stojko leads a Human Rights Torch Relay protesting the Beijing games.

record and its policies in Sudan's Darfur region and

Major violent demonstrations marred the London and Paris legs of the relay while protests were also held in several other cities.

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New Brunswick minister charged with sex offences

A Free Will Baptist minister has been charged with sex offences dating as far back as the 1970s Fred Douglas Hanson, 59, of Somerville, N.B., was charged in Woodstock and Grand Falls with several counts including sexual assault and indecent acts against children. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Ship sent to fight pirates

Canada is deploying the frigate HMCS Ville de Quebec to the coastal region of Somalia for the next few weeks to fight pirates attacking UN World Food Program ships carrying life-saving supplies to the

Defence Minister Peter MacKay said NATO allies had asked for help in the drought-hit east-African

"As a result of the sadly despicable acts of piracy around ships bringing relief into Somalia, we will ... support that type of protection to see that food is delivered on time and safely to the people of Somalia," the minister said yesterday in Halifax.

He said much of the mission is deterrence and the frigate won't likely see direct action.

"Food supplies are ur-



**'Food** supplies are urgently needed in

Somalia, but deteriorating security has made delivery difficult by land and sea"

MP Peter MacKay

gently needed in Somalia, but deteriorating security has made delivery difficult by land and sea," he added.

More than 2.4 million Somalis rely on food aid, of which 90 per cent arrives

While pirates launched at least 24 attacks on vessels off Somalia's eastern and northern coasts this year alone, to date no escorted WFP ships have been targeted.

Somalia has been without an effective centralized government since a 1991 Toronto **Dinosaur delight** 



Ethan Pepper, 7, right and Zoe Pepper, 9, look at a dinosaur exhibit erected by the Royal Ontario Museum at Pearson International Airport in Toronto yesterday. The exhibit is part of an ongoing string of featured art at the airport.

## B.C. woman mauled in black bear attack

recovering from bite wounds after she was mauled by a bear while gardening outside her house in a suburb of Vancouver yesterday, police said.

The 35-year-old woman was in the front yard of her house in Coquitlam, B.C., when the animal attacked

of deaths caused by black bear at-

North America

her, apparently without provocation, neighbours and police said. Neighbours who heard the

rocks at the bear to make it stop its attack. The animal was later shot and killed by a police officer.

Black bears often wander down from the mountains into some of Vancouver's suburbs in search of food but attacks on humans are extremely rare.

REUTERS

## **Court denies** Schreiber review

**EXTRADITION** A federal court dismissed a request yesterday from German-Canadian arms dealer Karlheinz Schreiber for a judicial review of a decision relating to a 2004 extradition order.

Schreiber has been

fighting extradition to Germany for years, and has filed numerous applications in Canadian

peal

cision.

courts to ap- Karlheinz

Schreiber Ottawa's de-

Federal Justice Minister Rob Nicholson declined to accept further submissions from Schreiber in March 2008, saying they raised no new issues. Schreiber had sought a judicial review of the minister's decision.

But a three-judge panel of the Ontario Court of Appeal said it did not accept any of Schreiber's arguments. REUTERS



New York State voters support increasing the income tax on millionaires by a margin of 78 per cent to 18 per cent, according to a poll released yesterday. A majority of Republicans also backed a higher tax on millionaires by a margin of 56 per cent to 36 per cent, according to the survey by Quinnipiac University. REUTERS

# World



## Eye spy a new camera

Borrowing one of nature's best designs, U.S. scientists have built an eye-shaped camera using standard sensor materials and say it could improve the performance of digital cameras and enhance imaging of prosthetic devices including a bionic eye, they said.

## **Anthrax suspect** dead, U.S. says

## Army researcher killed himself last week

An army scientist who committed suicide last week was solely responsible for the 2001 U.S. anthrax at-tacks that killed five and shook a nation reeling from the Sept. 11 hijackings, authorities said yesterday.

Federal court documents outlined the gov-ernment's case against army researcher Bruce Ivins, casting him as an anthrax expert beset by paranoia who faced pressure over a stalled anthrax vaccine project.

Ivins killed himself be-

fore he could be charged with committing the letter-borne attacks.

Ivins's attorneys maintained his innocence, but prosecutors said the case will be closed.

believed

## The case against Ivins

 A U.S. army scientist, just a few days before the 2001 anthrax attacks, sent an e-mail warning that Osama "bin Laden terrorists" had anthrax and sarin gas and included language similar to that in Ivins the anthrax letters, ac-



ments unsealed yesterday. The court documents also said the scientist, Bruce Ivins, had a large flask of highly purified anthrax spores that were found to be identical to the anthrax used in the attacks.

cording to court docu-

based on the evidence we had collected, we could prove his guilt to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt," Jeffrey Taylor, U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, told a news conference at the Justice Department.

Critics said the case was built on circumstantial evidence and cited missteps

in the nearly seven-year probe, including the initial focus on another scientist, Steven Hatfill, at the same biodefence research laboratory in Fort Detrick, Md. Hatfill never was charged and the government agreed to pay him a nearly \$6-million settlement.



Paris Hilton is seen in this undated publicity image from a video in response to Republican candi-

## Hilton 'totally ready' to lead

Hilton has jumped into the U.S. election campaign, calling Republican candidate John McCain a "wrinkly white-haired guy" and offer-ing her own energy policy.

Hilton, dressed in a leopard print swim suit and pumps, jokingly declared her own candidacy in a video on the website Funny or Die, saying: "I want America to know that I'm, like, totally ready to lead."

She was responding to a television ad by McCain, 71, that used her image to attack Democratic rival Barack Obama.

The 27-year-old socialite said McCain's use of her in the ad, which sought to undermine Obama by likening

his popularity to her celebrity, had effectively put her in the race for the top U.S. office.

She also unveiled an energy plan saying, "we can do limited offshore drilling with strict environmental oversight while creating tax incentives to get Detroit making hybrid and electric

## Researchers discover West Nile target genes

HEALTH Researchers have traced all of the proteins and enzymes used by the West Nile virus to infect cells, and found 305 genes that could serve as targets for treatments.

"It comprises a dictionary of all of these

genes that are "It comprises a for Nile dictionary of all of critical virus infection **these genes that are** genome look-of a cell," said **critical for West Nile** ing for all the Erol Fikrig of Yale Universi- virus infection." in New Researcher Erol Fikrig

Haven. necticut, whose study was published yesterday in the journal Nature.

Con-

West Nile virus infected an estimated 175,000 peo-ple in the United States last year, killing 117 and causing serious disease in 1,227 people, the U.S. Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention reported last month.

There is no specific treatment for the infection caused by the mosquitoborne virus.

Fikrig's team deployed a new technology using small

interfering RNAs or siR-NAs to scan the human genes that genes that could be hijacked by this virus.

While DNA carries the body's genetic instruction book, RNA is the genetic material that gives cells their marching orders. marching

Small interfering RNAs are bits of genetic material that can shut down individual REUTERS genes.

## **News** in brief

PAKISTAN Leaders of Pakistan's civilian coalition consulted into the early hours of this morning on whether to strip President Pervez Musharraf, a key U.S. ally, of his powers and possibly impeach him. Such a move would almost certainly plunge the nucleararmed Muslim nation into a new bout of political instability unless the former army chief, who came to power in a coup nine years ago, decided to go quietly.

**BIRDFLU** Thirteen people from a village in Indonesia's North Sumatra province have been hospitalized after suffering symptoms of bird flu, a media report said yesterday.

**EGYPT** Scientists are testing stillborn children found in the Pharoah Tutankhamun's tomb in the hope of identifying their maternal lineage, Egypt's chief archaeologist said yesterday.

REUTERS

## **Research Study for Type 2 Diabetes Controlled Through Diet and Exercise Participants Needed**

## What is the goal of the study?

The goal of the study is to test the safety of a new oral medication to treat diabetes.

## Who can enter the study?

Persons with type 2 diabetes who: are currently managing their diabetes through diet and exercise; are between the ages of 31-75 years; and have never received insulin therapy. Additional inclusion and exclusion criteria will be reviewed at time of screening.

## What are the study participants asked to do?

Participants will spend a total of seven nights in the University of Alberta Hospital and make six visits to the research unit. Participants will be asked to take a new oral medication. Participants will undergo several monitoring tests (vital signs, ECG, blood and urine sampling).

## Are participants compensated?

Participants will be compensated at a rate of \$20/hour for a maximum of 244 hours for their involvement in the study.

## Who can I contact for more information?

You may call 780-407-2965 or email kate.bailey@ capitalhealth.ca to learn more about the study.

A Deutsche Bank executive is suing a son and a brother of Delaware Sen. Joe Biden for at least \$10 million over a deal they had to buy into a hedge fund, according to court documents. Stephane Farouze claimed that Biden's son Hunter and brother James broke a contract and defrauded him. REUTERS

## U.S. condemns Mauritania coup

## Rice calls for return of democratic leaders

**The United States** condemned a coup in Mauritania yesterday and urged the military to release the president and prime minister and restore the democratically elected government.

"We call on the military to release President Sidi Mohamed Ould Cheikh Abdallahi and Prime Minister Yahya Ould Ahmed Waghef and to restore the legitimate, constitutional, democratically elected govern-ment immediately," Secre"We oppose any attempts by military elements to change governments."

Condoleezza Rice

tary of State Condoleezza

Rice said in a statement.
Abdallahi. Mauritania's first democratically elected president, was overthrown and arrested along with his prime minister on Wednesday by the head of his presidential guard, Mohamed Ould Abdelaziz.

"We oppose tempts by military ele-ments to change governments through extra-constitutional means," Rice said.

welcomed state-She ments by the African Union and the European Union condemning the coup. "The United States looks to all of our international partners to condemn this anti-democratic action." REUTERS

## India Honouring the snake god



Women offer prayers to a cobra snake on the occasion of the Hindu festival of Naag Panchami in the central Indian city of Bhopal yesterday. Naag Panchami is a unique festival dedicated to honour the snake god.

## **Karadzic claims** he was granted immunity

THE HAGUE Former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic demanded yesterday that former U.S. peace mediator Richard Holbrooke and ex-Secretary of State

Madeleine Albright appear at the UN

**Target** 

several

tempts

Karadzic said

been made to

kill him, and

that he feared

"the long arm of Mr. Hol-

brooke or Mrs.

Albright" could

reach him even

in jail.

had

war crimes tribunal to back his claims of an immunity offer from the United States.

In a filing released by

tribunal. Karadzic repeated his claims that in

1996 Holbrooke had offered him immunity from the tribunal if he disappeared from public life.

Karadzic argued that when Holbrooke realized he could not persuade the court's chief prosecutor to drop the indictment he decided to "liquidate" him

REUTERS

## **News** in brief

**NUCLEAR** The chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee has urged the Bush administration to shelve a nuclear trade deal with India unless it can quarantee compliance with a U.S. law that would suspend trade if India tested a nuclear weapon again.

**MEXICO** Gunmen killed a senior police homicide investigator in Ciudad Juarez on the U.S.-Mexico border, the fourth policeman killed in the city this week, an attorney general's office said yesterday. State police commander Vidal Barraza was shot Tuesday night. REUTERS

## Israel releases senior Hamas officials

NEGOTIATIONS Israel freed two senior Hamas officials detained in the occupied West Bank during a security sweep after the Islamist faction abducted an Israeli soldier two years ago, their families said yesterday.

The families said Abli

Yaish, the Hamas mayor of Nablus, and Issa al- shekels (\$7,020) and 7,000 shekels respectively. Ja'abari, a Hamas representative in Hebron, returned home after being freed from the Israeli detention centre Ofer.

The families said they posted bails of 25,000

Israeli officials had no immediate comment. Hamas has demanded Is-

rael free all its jailed politicians and hundreds of other prisoners in exchange for Shalit. REUTERS



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Ford says it will introduce its Blind Spot Mirror this fall as standard equipment on the 2009 Ford Edge, a year ahead of schedule The mirror is a traditional side view mirror with a secondary convex spotter in the top outer corner. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Business

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## Polo Ralph Lauren posts high profit

FASHION Polo Ralph Lauren Corp. said net income rose 8 per cent to \$95.2 million in the last quarter.

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## Magna's profit drops as sales slip

AUTO PARTS Magna International reported a 13 per cent drop in quarterly earnings to \$227 million as increases in European and "rest-of-world" sales were offset by reductions in North America. REUTERS

## **Bell bags** subscribers

Parent BCE earnings tumble

BCE Inc.'s second quarter results have given analysts comfort that the company's \$52-billion privatization will be completed as planned, but continued losses in the telephone business highlight the challenges facing the new owners as they attempt to right the slumping giant.

The Bell Canada Inc. parent said vesterday that earnings for the period fell to \$392 million from a year-earlier \$700 million.

Observers noted that Bell beat expectations in the key wireless sector even as rival Rogers Communications stole head-

## **Bleeding clients**

- Bell lost 125.000 landline subscribers last quarter. It also lost 7,000 business customers and 1,000 Inter-
- net subscribers. lines by capturing a deal to

sell Apple Inc.'s popular iPhone device in Canada.

Bell said net subscriber additions grew by 32 per cent to 83,000 over the three-month period while wireless network and equipment revenue grew by 9 per cent and 36 per cent as customers upgraded to smartphone devices. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Say cheese Saputo's profit jumps



Lino Saputo, chairman of the board of Saputo Inc., jokes with his son Lino Saputo Jr., president and chief executive officer, before their annual general meeting in Montreal yesterday. Canada's biggest cheese maker reported a 21 per cent jump in firstquarter profit as higher revenue and prices more than offset the impact of a stronger Canadian dollar.

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**10** sports

Canada held its traditional flag-raising at the Olympic Athletes Village, just a couple of blocks from

the main Olympic complex. "This feels great," swimmer Mike Brown said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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**Two Canadians** added to singles

TENNIS Two Canadians were added to the singles draw in Olympic tennis event yesterday.

23-year-old Frank Dancevic from Niagara Falls, and New Brunswick's Frederic Niemeyer, who is also competing in doubles with Toronto's Daniel Nestor, were named to replace players that had withdrawn from the Olympics.

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## Tomorrow's lineup

GOING FOR GOLD "I'd trade every world championship for one Olympic gold medal," says Kyle Hamilton, captain of the Canadian men's eight rowing team. Pick up tomorrow's Metro for more.

day remains until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

# Track stars racing to the top

'We're going to do whatever it takes,' teammates say

MARTY YORK Metro Canada

Canada's track and field team has been shut out from Olympic medals since the glory days of Donovan Bailey back in 1996, but the drought could end this month.

That's because Canada has not one - but two runners with authentic medal hopes. Both Tyler Christopher and Gary Reed, close friends with similar backgrounds, are generally perceived to be fast enough to possibly make it to the

podium in Beijing. Christopher, of Chilliwack, B.C., holds the Canadian record for the 400 metres. Reed, of Victoria, B.C.,

won the silver medal for the 800 metres at the world championship in Japan last year.

"We're tough little bas-tards and we don't take s-t from anybody, and we're climbing our way to the top," Christopher said.

"It doesn't matter how hard it is. We have a goal that's set in front of us and we're going to do whatever it takes to achieve these goals."

Reed suffered a setback on July 26, when he fell during a race in England and failed to finish. Only a week earlier, the 26-year-old speedster had won the 800-metre race at a meet in Belgium, recording his fastest time of the season **—** 1:44.46.





Gary Reed, left, and Tyler Christopher are both aiming to medal in Beijing this month.

In Athens four years ago, Reed ran out of gas in the semi-finals, claiming he was mentally exhausted. He's eager to prove he can overcome any adversity in Beijing.

"Trust me, nobody in the media wants to win a medal more than I do, I can guarantee that," Reed said recently. "I'm the one who gets up in the morning and goes and trains. I want it bad."

Christopher and Reed developed a close bond af-ter they discovered they both grew up in difficult circumstances, raised by single mothers in near poverty.
"We've made it this far,

against the odds," Christo-pher said. "We know we can go further now."

Christopher, 24, started running 15 years ago because, he said, "my mom wanted to put me in something where I could burn off the excess energy I had. Next thing you know, I started winning races.

Christopher left B.C. at the age of 17 to pursue track in Edmonton, where he had access to better facilities and coaching.

In his 2004 debut, he posted a record-setting qualifying time of 45.25, but was two weeks past the deadline to make the Canadian Olympic team which meant he could not compete in Athens.

He's counting on the advice and experience of his buddy Reed to help him flourish in Beijing.

"Gary won't let himself get mentally exhausted this time," Christopher said, "and he promised he won't let me get that way, either."

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## Canada's soccer debut a success

Canada's Olympics women's soccer was a success: Canada beat Argentina 2-1 yesterday in the first competitive event of the Beijing Games. Goals by Candace Chap-

man in the 27th minute and Kara Lang in the 71st gave Canada a comfortable margin and allowed the Canadians to withstand an 85th minute counter by Argentina's Ludmila Manicler.

"Obviously we didn't play as well as we would have liked to but it's the first game of the Olympics," said Christine Sinclair. "We Christine Sinclair. "We were a little nervous, a little anxious but we always say the first game in a tournament is the hardest to get a result in."

The game was played in stifling heat - with temperatures of about 35C at kickoff — strength-sapping humidity and under a cloud of grey, polluted, stagnant air that's been the trademark of the runup to the Games.
"I think (it was a factor)

just in the sense that you'll



Canada's Candace Chapman celebrates after scoring against Argentina in Tianjin, China, yesterday.

start to feel a bit more tired earlier on in the game than you would in another environment," said Lang. "But ... it's something that both teams have to deal with so I don't think it's necessarily going to change the game too much or the outcome of the game."

The win is huge boost

for Canada's hopes of qualifying for the quarter-finals of the 12-country tournament. There are three fourteam pools in the tournament with the top two in each pool qualifying for quarter-finals along with the two best thirdplace teams.

Canada faces China on Saturday and completes its first-round on Tuesday in Beijing against Sweden.

The victory did not come without a cost, though: Melissa Tancredi, a key forward, left after just 41 minutes with an apparent left ankle injury.

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Jets. Bucs looking to acquire Favre

The New York Jets continued their active push to acquire Brett Favre, ESPN.com is reporting. A league source told ESPN's Sal Paolantonio yesterday that the Jets have offered a fourth-round pick to the Packers. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are also in trade talks. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# ports



## Esks' Ray wins weekly honours

ey. Ray completed 23-of-30 passes for a league-best 392 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Eskimos to a 35-24 win over the British Columbia Lions at Commonwealth Stadium.

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Dana White the brains behind the incredibly successful Ultimate Fighting Championship is impressed at how many Canadians have embraced mixed martial arts.

## St. Pierre faces 'bad dude'

UFC boss White impressed with MMA growth in Canada

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As president of the UFC, Dana White didn't feel particularly threatened from a business standpoint last month when Affliction staged a Pay-Per-View show featuring highly touted Russian fighter Fedor Emelianenko head-tohead with a UFC event.

"Those guys sell t-shirts for a living," referring to Affliction. "Do you know how many f\*\*king t-shirts you'd have to sell to get \$4 million back," a reference to the price they paid to bring Emelianenko to North America.

In a one-on-one interview with Metro, White also discussed UFC 87 this weekend, which features Canadian Georges St. Pierre defending his welterweight title against Jon Fitch. White admits St. Pierre is in tough against Fitch — who has won his last eight fights — he gives the Canadian his due.

"I don't think people re alize the fight he's in this weekend," White said of St. Pierre. "Jon Fitch is a bad dude, but if George can walk through him like he has everybody else, it'll be impressive.'

It will be St. Pierre's first bout since defeating Matt Serra at UFC 83 in Montreal in April, and he isn't taking the fight lightly either.

"He's a very, very tough guy," said St. Pierre of Fitch. "He may be my toughest fight yet." "I never, in a million years thought Canada would as big as it has been for us."

Dana White, **UFC** President

Other bouts on the card Saturday in Minneapolis include Kenny Florian vs. Roger Huerta, which White suggests "may be the fight of the year," and football player-turned-wrestler turned MMAer Brock Lesnar returning to the Octagon against Heath Herring.

White also heaped praise on Canadian UFC and Mixed Martial Arts fans in general.

"When we bought this company, it was a nobrainer to me that the U.S., Mexico and the U.K. would all be big fight fans, he said. "I never, in a million years thought Canada would as big as it has been for us."

On the topic of bringing another UFC event back to Canada, White knows there are still legal hurdles in provinces such as Ontario.

"We're working on that," he said. Having seen several U.S. states come around and sanction UFC events under his watch. he's confident the rest of Canada will eventually fol-low suit. "We're going to keep pushing, and we're going to open up every province here in Canada. We're looking at it like we looked at the United States.'

## Marcum gets his groove back

**BLUE JAYS 6 ATHLETICS 1** 

MIR Shaun Marcum had a no-hitter through five innings and Rod Barajas hit a three-run home run, as the Toronto Blue Jays topped the struggling Oakland Athletics, 5-1, in the third contest of a four-game set.

Marcum (6-5) gave up one run on just three hits over seven innings, while fanning seven and walking two en route to the win. Adam Lind had two of the four hits for Toronto, which has

won three straight and four

Gio Gonzalez (0-1), whose contract was purchased from Triple-A Sacramento earlier Wednesday, made his major league debut for the A's. But

he took the loss as he gave up four runs on four hits through sixplus innings of work. Shaun Bobby Crosby home- Marcum for Öakland,

which has dropped a sea- run. son-high nine straight con-

The Blue Jays got on the board, 3-0, in the first in-

ning. Alex Rios clubbed a two-out double, Lyle Overbay drew a walk and Baraias cleared the table with a long three-run homer to left field.

Crosby broke up Marcum's no-hit bid in the sixth inning with a leadoff home

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## **Sports** in brief

**GOLF** The absence of the injured Tiger Woods from next month's Ryder Cup has bolstered Europe's status as favorites, according to U.S. captain Paul Azinger. World No. 1 Woods was sidelined for the rest of this year following reconstructive knee surgery.

**MLB** The New York Yankees placed star pitcher Joba Chamberlain on the 15-day disabled list with a stiff right shoulder vesterday. The 22-year-old righthander was removed from his last start on Monday against the Texas Rangers in the fifth inning with stiffness in the shoul-METRO NEWS SERVICES

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## Searching for flea market treasures

could be delightful than leisurely weekend trips to local flea markets to pick up décor treasures?

But wait, the design team can already hear the groans of protest from all you urban-dwelling hipsters. Well, before you get too adamant, Tammy and I are here to tell you that flea markets may be good for a lot more than grandmastyle doilies and chipped old china!

Even if you're not into the country or cottage look, a visit to the flea market or second-hand store may be just the thing to help you inject some personality into your décor.

And you don't need to totally embrace that antique-y look that flea market finds can often impart. Instead, you mix and match to add interest. Remember that it is often the finishing touches that will turn a somewhat ordinary roomful of new furnishings into a room that sparkles and is a true reflection of the owner's refined tastes and interests. What could be better than that?

When you choose items from the flea market, pay attention to colour and form so the pieces fit into your existing décor. For example, a series of old mustard jars in a gray-green colour may fit beautifully into your cream and green kitchen. Also, buy in pairs, so you can avoid that lonely, lost-item look. Or else, vou may think in terms of a collection or a theme — the

## Arresting **Design** Jeffrey Fisher & Tammy Schnurr busted@arrestingdesign.com

items must look related to each other in some way. For example, a series of bird drawings found in vintage books may be framed and hung on the wall to delightful effect.

The wonderful thing about vintage items is that many are or look hand-made, and they proudly bear imperfections

They are beautiful niture or crockery could never be.

A series of vinplaced on a new will help add personality warmth and will

soften the hard edges and look of mass-produced furniture. It will add a sense of history, of connection to the past — a very attractive quality!

An antique piece of furniture placed amidst a more modern setting can produce an interesting counterpoint, a contrast to the other pieces. It will add a patina of history, a sense of elegance and timelessness to a new place which may

not have - let's face it much personality. As long as the piece itself is solid, vou can repaint, reupholster or refinish it in any way you like. In fact, a modern finish or a contemporary fabric on an older piece can make it a showstopper!

Don't forget that you can also incorporate knitted throws, or throw cushions with old-fashioned lace ruffles to add a sense of personality and warmth. If you're handy with a sewing machine, you can use old faded curtains to make delightful vintage-looking slipcovers for non-descriptdining room chairs, for ex-

## and the scars of "The wonderful in a well-aged way thing about that a brand-new shiny piece of furvintage items is that many are or of vinbeakers look hand-made."

table, for example, Jeffery Fisher & and Tammy Schnurr

> As always, be selective. Only choose those items that you love, and continuously weed out those things

> you no longer find pleasing. Finally, be prepared to take the time it takes for you to amass a truly personalized and treasured collection of furnishings and décor. It will not happen overnight, but the local flea market is truly a great place to get started, even if you are an urban hipster!

## Redecorate with the flick of a switch

LIGHTS Want to update the look of your home? Before going to the expense of picking out new paint, wallpaper or furnishings, why not try new light bulbs? Designing with light is an affordable way to change the look of any room in your home.

To help you become more lighting-design savvy, Sheryl Keller of Philips Lighting has some tips:

Lighting can help a small

room feel more open or a larger room more inviting. Brighter white light can make a room feel larger, and softer white light will make it more intimate.

Show off unique architectural features such as built-in shelving, mould-ings or archways with angled track lighting.

Use focused spot lighting to highlight the best feature of a room like a fireplace. painting or even a smaller item such as a glass vase. Bright, white halogen lighting can give you that punch of light on such items.

Change the feeling of a room with a splash of coloured lighting or by using different white tones. There are a variety of compact fluorescent and LED bulbs in a range of colour options such as the new Philips LED 4 Watt GU10 spot light in warm or cool white. NEWS CANADA

#### All in the family

The nectarine is a relative of the peach and may be used interchangeably in recipes. Nectarines are not quite as juicy as peaches, the flesh is a little firmer and the skin is smoother. METRO NEWS SERVICES



## lifestyle 13



"To pick a perfect peach, look for a creamy gold or yellow skin und a prediction of certain varieties, not ripeness."

Barb Holland/for R gold or yellow skin and a pleasant aroma. Barb Holland/for Metro Canada



## For full flavour

Avoid peaches, nectarines or apricots with even a touch of green which indicates they were picked too soon and will never ripen to their characteris tic sweet flavour.

## À **la** carte **Barb Holland** Metro Food Writer

Juicy, ripe peaches are one of the pleasures of summer. Sweet and flavourful, peaches (nectarines and apricots too) are tender fruit that are at their best when picked ripe and plump. This is also when they are most fragile. The best place to eat these fruits is in the orchard, having just plucked a sun-ripened fruit from the tree. As these sweet delicacies do not stand up to shipping, they are often harvested underipe. The sugars stop developing as soon as the fruit is picked, so try to buy as close to the source

# Summer peach pleasure

## **Blueberry Tarts** with Custard

These open-faced tarts are best served warm. If using puff pastry sheets, just thaw and cut each into 6 equal size squares. Makes 12 tarts.

#### **INGREDIENTS: Custard:**

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp (15 mL)
- cornstarch • 2/3 cup (150 mL) milk
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) vanilla
- Filling:
- 4 ripe but firm freestone peaches
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) fresh
- blueberries
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) fresh lemon juice

• 2 tbsp (30 mL) granulat-

## Pastry:

- 397 g pkg frozen puff pastry, thawed
- Freshly ground nutmeg

#### METHOD:

Custard: Combine sugar and cornstarch in a 2-cup (500 mL) glass measure. Gradually whisk in milk until smooth. Microwave at high 1-1/2 to 2 minutes, until mixture comes to a boil and thickens. Stir at least once during cooking. In small bowl, lightly beat egg. Stir some of hot mixture into egg then whisk warmed egg into sauce. Microwave at medium 20 to 40 seconds or until thickened. Whisk partway through. Whisk in vanilla, set aside.



Peaches, nectarines and apricots are all good sources of potassium, Vitamins A and C, are fat free and low in calories. Be sure to eat the skin for added fibre.

Preheat oven to 400F (200C). Peel peaches, by dipping in boiling water 30 seconds; remove with a slotted spoon into cold water for another 30 seconds. Remove, slip off skin and thinly slice peaches. Toss gently with

blueberries, lemon juice and sugar in bowl.

Roll out half the pastry on a lightly floured surface to a 12 x 8 inch (30 x 20 cm) rectangle. Cut pastry into six 4-inch (10 cm) squares. Place on parchment paper-lined shallow spacing apart. Repeat with remaining puff pastry, using 2 baking sheets. Spoon fruit mixture in

centre of pastry squares. Top each with about 2 tsp (10 mL) custard and a pinch of nutmeg. Bake 20 minutes or until pastry is puffed and golden. Rotate baking sheets partway through cooking. Cool baking sheets on wire racks 5 minutes then gently loosen tarts to cooling racks. Serve warm or at room temperature with additional custard thinned with a little milk and warmed in the microwave, as needed.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

## This cake is bananas

Grill It is brought to you by Chris Schlesinger and John Willoughby, the pair that's popular for their ability to write cook books that are fun, gutsy and imaginative. DK **Publishing offered Metro** this recipe from Grill It:

#### **Grilled Banana Upside-Down Cake**

## **INGREDIENTS:**

#### The cake: • 1/4 cup pecans

as possible.

- 1 cup all-purpose flour 2 teaspoons baking pow-
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Pinch ground cinnamon
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature • 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 large egg white
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 6 tablespoons whole milk

## The topping:

- 3 ripe but firm bananas, unpeeled, halved lengthwise
- 1/2 cup firmly packed soft light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus 1 tablespoon for buttering the pan
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- Pinch salt

Preheat the oven to



This cake recipe comes from Grill It, available in hardcover at Amazon.ca for \$17.64.

350°F (180°C). Generously butter a 9 inch (23 cm) cake pan. Build a fire in your grill. When the coals are all ignited, the flames have died down, and the temperature is mediumhot, you're ready to cook.

For the topping: Place the bananas on the grill over the coals, cut side down, and cook until golden brown and slightly charred (2–3 minutes). Set aside.

Combine the rest of the topping ingredients in a small saucepan and, on the stove top, bring the mix-ture to a full boil over medium-high heat, stirring until melted and smooth. Cook for 1 minute, then pour into the buttered cake pan. Peel the bananas and arrange them, grilled side down. on

syrup. Set aside. Toast the pecans in a shallow baking pan in the oven for 5–10 minutes. Grind in a food processor or coffee grinder. Combine the ground pecans, flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon in a bowl and mix well.

Combine the butter and sugar in a large mixing bowl and beat until creamy. Add the egg, egg white and vanilla; beat until light and fluffy (about 1 minute), scraping down the bowl as necessary. Add half the dry ingredients; beat on medium speed until well blended. Add the milk and mix well, scrap-ing down the sides of bowl. Add the remaining dry ingredients and beat until well blended. Spoon the batter over the bananas, smoothing the surface. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean (about 30 minutes).

Run a knife around the sides of the pan to loosen. Set the pan on a wire rack and let the cake cool for 15 minutes. Invert the cake onto a serving plate and carefully lift off the pan. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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#### Beatles recording sold

A recently unearthed reel-to-reel tape of what is believed to be a Beatles recording session from 1964 was auctioned online earlier this week for \$23,446 US (including tax and handling fees), according to Cameo Auctioneers in the Berkshire village of Midgham. E! NEWS ONLINE

# **Entertainment**



## New CSI

close to signing a deal to join CBS' CSI. Fishburne will play a doctor/scientist who comes into the CSI as an outsider, and not as a new boss. TYGUIDE.COM

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## Folk fest a feast of comfort music

YURI WUENSCH for Metro Edmonton

After confronting a gauntlet of summer festivals including the recent chaos of the inaugural Pemberton Festival in B.C., a return home to the well-oiled Edmonton Folk Music Festival is like cozying up to Linus' comfortable and familiar blue blankie.

In its 29th year, the reliably good time of Edmonton's folk fest is a testament to the hard work of festival producer Terry Wickham, his staff and dedicated team of volunteers. The fest runs today through Sunday.

Wickham and co. may take their knocks now and then for a perceived dearth of big acts, which is a decided foil of an attendance cap and Wickham's commitment to keeping ticket prices down. Regardless, it never seems to prevent folk fest from selling out of its weekend passes. An obvious solution might be to move the fest to a larger site, though that might be tantamount to heresy; Gallagher Park is easily the city's premier concert venue.

This year's main stage is nothing to sneeze at anyway, thanks to acts like Cat Power, Aimee Mann, Ron Sexsmith, Joan Osborne, Buckwheat Zydeco and the Duhks, among others. Sure, Michael Franti & Spearhead and Hawksley Workman have played the fest before, but none of them feels tired. If anything, it's a lot like welcoming old friends.

And now borrowing from the success of the Calgary Folk Music Festival's broader incorporation of musical styles, Wickham has also booked Canuck indie rock



Folk Fest volunteer Julie Tanguay hangs a sign listing 2008 Folk Fest volunteers at the festival site in Gallagher Park, yesterday. The festival is operated by some 2,000 helpers on 46 different teams.

darlings Broken Social Scene and that bastion of rockabilly pop angst, Chris Isaak. Folk purists may not like it, but the festival remains a sellout nonetheless. Beyond the main stage, for many people the magic of folk fest really happens on the smaller, more intimate stages — some of the impromptu jam sessions between seemingly disparate artists are solid gold. And

drinking beer under forecasted sunshine doesn't sound so bad either.



#### In **brief**

MOVIES The Dark Knight, starring Christian Bale, has shattered yet another U.S.

box office



S. Bale

record after passing the \$400 million mark in just 18 days, imdb.com reports. Shrek 2 previously held the record by taking \$400 million in 43 days in 2004. The superhero film is the eighth biggest film ever and is on course to steal the box office crown from Titanic, which made \$600 million at the U.S. box office.

BOOK Steven Tyler is set to release his autobiography after the bosses of book compa-



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## More staff under fire for celeb records peek

PEOPLE California health watchdogs are to investigate more staff members at Los Angeles' UCLA Medical Center over their involvement in the snooping into celebrity health records, imdb.com reports.

More than 50 physicians and medical workers at the unit have already been probed over claims they improperly viewed celebrity medical records.

One former administrative specialist, Lawanda Jackson, has been indicted for allegedly selling outpatient records to the media.

The medical records of stars including Tom Cruise, Farrah Fawcett, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Britney Spears are believed to be at the centre of the ongoing investigation, which was launched after an expose by the Los Angeles Times newspaper earlier this year.

But in a new state report, The California Department of Health investigators found that nearly twice as many medical centre employees than previously reported had looked at stars' confidential medical records.

It means an additional 60 workers could be investigated. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Employees at Los Angeles' UCLA Medical Center are accused of looking at singer Britney Spears' health records.

## In **brief**

MOVIES Music videos veteran Samuel Bayer, who directed Nirvana's Smells Like Teen Spirit, has signed on to shoot the action thriller Fiasco Heights. The Universal Pictures project revolves around a gunman who returns to the crime-ridden city of Fiasco Heights and teams with a degenerate gambler/private eye to look for a beautiful femme fatale and a mysterious briefcase. Bayer is also attached to a remake of Near Dark, a 1987 vampire horror originally directed by Kathryn Bigelow. His other music clips include Green Day's Boulevard of Broken Dreams and Justin Timberlake's What Goes Around Comes Around. REUTERS **16** entertainment



Actor Shia Labeouf will check into rehab to help his chances of beating a drink driving conviction, according to reports. The star suffered hand injuries and was charged with driving under the influence (DUI) after a car crash in Hollywood on July 27. IMDB.COM

●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

# Newman strums funny bone

## Randy **Newman**

Album: Harps and Angels Label: Nonesuch/Warner Release date: August 5 Rating: 🕮 🍩 🍩

#### WE'RE DEALING

with Randy Newman here, one of the best American



songwriters of the last 50 years. So it goes without saying that this is a great record. It'll have you laughing out loud as he encounters a clerical error at the gates of heaven (Harps and Angels) or bidding adieu to the Great American Empire on A Few Words In Defense Of Our Country. We never had to be convinced that Randy is a very funny guy. though. Maybe, on his first studio album in nearly 10 years, we could have done with a few more tugs at the heartstrings (Feels Like Home, Losing You) and a little less of the gags.

Graham Rockingham

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## Reviews

music@metronews.ca

## Oxford Collapse

Album: Bits Label: Merge Release date: August 5 Rating: 🕮 🏶 🏶





out there, it's refreshing to hear an act that can just slap on the distortion and rock out. And if anyone knows the art of keeping it simple, it's Oxford Collapse. The Brooklyn band's fourth disc is a fantastic pop record that'll make you nostalgic for '90s acts like The Hardship Post or The New Grand. While it's fast and basic — there are plenty of speedy drums and furious downstrokes it's also incredibly conta-Bryan Borzykowski

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## Brazilian **Girls**

Album: New York City Label: Verve/Universal Release date: August 5 Rating: 🕮 🏶

ULTRA-HIP MUsic to go with Manhattan fashion ensemble



black berets, skinny jeans, over-roasted coffee and all things European. Multi-lingual vocalist Sabina Sciuba pours the cabaret accents on thick while drummer Aaron Johnston and boardist/programmer Didi Gutman provide dance rhythms for people too cool to lift their feet. This album works best when it doesn't take itself too seriously, like on the playful Losing Myself, which could easily have fit on a mid-80s record by the B-52s. Otherwise, vinyl skipping and subway clacking some-times substitute for creativity. Brazilian Girls is not for the pharmaceutically challenged.

#### Conor **Oberst**

Album: Self-titled Label: Merge Release date: August 5 Rating: @@@

SURPRIS-ING THAT after all these years making music under

Bright

Eves moniker that Conor Oberst would release an album under his own Everyone knows name. that Oberst is the brains behind his band, and he often plays alone. But this is somewhat of a fresh start - here he plays some of his most spare and intimate tunes of his career. It's also not the emo-indie rock we're used to; the tracks are full-out alt-country. While it's interesting, others are doing this better. Bright Eyes fans will like it, but Americana aficionados should

11:00

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hear a few tracks first.

Bryan Borzyko

#### Castlemusic

Album: You Can't Take Anyone Label: Blue Fog/Sonic Unyon Release date: August 5 Rating: @@@

YOU'RE LOOKING for a dreamy, minimalist pop fix

then be sure to check out

Toronto's Castlemusic Essentially a solo project for Jennifer Castle, the musician's new disc is a soft, mostly guitar-based collection of attractive tunes. While it's all hauntingly spare, the best songs enlist fellow-Torontonian Ryan Driver on backup vocals, which adds a much-needed second layer to the bare bones tracks. Not every song works, but for the most part Castle's tunes are intriguing, contagious and a great next step in what could be a promising career. Bryan Borzykowsk

## Amy Ray

Album: Didn't It Feel Kinder Label: Daemon/Koch Release date: August 5 Rating: 🕮

SURE FIRE way to ruin an otherwise pergood fectly love song is to



throw in a chorus about melting ice caps and helpless polar bears. That's exactly what Ray does on Bus Bus, the third track on her latest solo album. It's indicative of many of the songs on this album by the rockier half of the Indigo Girls folk-rock duo. Just when things seem to be getting hot, Amy shoots herself in the foot with irksome politics. Ray's songwriting comes through best on Cold Shoulder.

Graham Rockingham

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## critics'corner—

## Who Fired First

Was the attack on Pearl Harbor for no reason? Or was it in retaliation for something the United States did? After finding a sunken Japanese submarine, the filmmakers wondered if the U.S. attacked Japan prior to the Pearl Harbor air assault. This special examines that theory. 6 PM on HIST



## Ugly Betty

True Life

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Gone Wild

Does it smell funny in here, or is it just you? In "Odor in the Court." Betty's (America Ferrera) new perfume - a Fey Sommers creation - is having some strange side effects. As Claire (Judith Light) takes the stand in Fey's murder trial, Wilhelmina (Vanessa Williams) continues on her mission to become a Meade at anv price. 9 PM on CKEM

## **New Day and Age** for The Killers

MUSIC The Killers' next album will be called Day and Age, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Las Vegas rockers will release their long-awaited third album in November with the expected title reportedly coming from the lyrics of what is likely to be the single, Neon Tiger. Stuart Price is producing the album. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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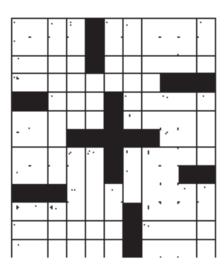
#### **New baby for Bice**

American Idol rocker Bo Bice and his wife, Carolyn, welcomed their second child together, a son named Caleb, Tuesday in Nashville, Tenn. The couple are also parents to son Aidan, who will be three in September. E! NEWS ONLINE



## **Take Five**

**AVATAR VENUS** 



## **Crossword down**

- 1 Quarter, e.g.
- 2 Story monster
- 3 Economic declines 4 Sinew
- 5 Repast
- 6 Annie, for one
- 7 Strike caller
- 8 Fiction
- 9 Travel stop
- 10 Homer's neighbor
- 16 Mayo ingre-dient 19 Confrontations
- 20 Test type
- 21 Squirrel's cache
- 22 Church part 23 Luke's sister
- 28 Arrives
- 29 Ready for print

43 "Do — others ...'

44 Alternative to

45 "You there!"

curtains

- 30 Shaggy beast
- 31 Pay to play
- 35 Heels
- 36 "Memory" musical 37 Macramé bit
- 38 Like the Beatles
- 39 Under the weather
- 40 Quarterback
- Manning

## Horoscopes

ARIES

**TAURUS** 

#### LIBRA

 $(\Upsilon)$ MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A slothful friend makes a break Don't hesitate to settle a diswith the past. Creative people pute. A bitter conflict leads to a will achieve their objectives. A sweet resolution. Playing hot romance will be put on games with worthy opponents

#### SCORPIO

#### OCT 24- NOV 22

will lead to victory.

Allow yourself to play out a hunch. A therapist has much to offer. Carelessness leads to strong words.

## **SAGITTARIUS**

NOV 23- DEC 21
Insight is gained from an intimate encounter. Walk with a friend who feels miserable. A brat interferes with your concentration.

#### CAPRICORN **DEC 22-JAN 20**

Caress a friend's dented ego. Someone wants to look at your confidential material. A strange creature provokes your curiosity.

## **AQUARIUS**

JAN 21-FEB 18 Soon you'll be sure that you've found the right one. Your actions make a difference in someone's life. You'll cheer up after a chat.

## **PISCES**

## FEB 19-MAR 20

Anticipate a brief power battle in the morning. Don't walk away from a winning situation. A reckless woman makes an er-TOT.

## APRIL 21-MAY 21

Money is coming from a strange place. Don't give up when a fantasy seems unattainable. A sweetheart gets rewards for fair play.

## **GEMINI**

## MAY 22-JUNE 21 Be more professional on the

iob. Unfinished business returns to haunt you. You have an overpowering urge to take immediate action.

#### CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

A man has solutions to serious problems. A message sets the framework for romance. A manic friend gives you some wacky inspiration.

## JULY 23-AUG 23

Make an agreement when a friend is in need. Someone cries the blues about being neglected. Discreditable dealings start to dissipate.

## VIRGO

## AUG 24-SEPT 22

(M) Excellent treatment creates a welcoming mood. A radical change in surroundings is needed. Don't look for love in the wrong places.

## Sudoku

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## Crossword across

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- 5 "- Rouge"
- 11 Eyeball
- 12 Regal fur 13 Steel ingredient
- 14 Tack on
- 15 Asian capital
- 17 Boxer, e.g. 18 Bad lighting?
- 22 By the way
- 24 First Indian prime
- minister
  - 25 Sunday seat
  - 26 Bit for a bay
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  - 32 Moved slowly
  - 33 Plus
  - 34 Clock sound
  - 38 Cinco de Mayo event

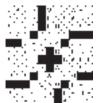
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previous day's answer

## This day in history

AUG. 7, 1679: The brigantine Le Griffon, commissioned by René Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle, is towed to the south-eastern end of the Niagara River, to become the first ship to sail the upper Great Lakes of North America.

AUG. 7, 1945: U.S. President Harry Truman announces the bombing of Hiroshima with an atomic bomb while returning from the Potsdam Conference aboard the heavy cruiser USS Augusta (CA-31) in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean.

AUG. 7, 2007: Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants breaks baseball great Hank Aaron's record by hitting his 756th home run.

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## HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

## previous day's answer

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25+ . . . . . Keep practising more games metronews.ca

## **Edmonton** weather



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**Friday** 



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Designer Tommy Hilfiger's wedding has been called off, just days before the ceremony was due to take place. He was set to marry Dee Ocleppo on the Caribbean island of Mustique tomorrow. The split is said to be amicable. IMDB.COM

## **Celebrity Buzz**

# Jen may eye parenthood with John

**RELATIONSHIPS** Jennifer Aniston is so head-overheels in love, she's convinced for the first time since her marriage crumbled in 2005 that the time is right for her to finally become a mother.

starmagazine.com reports. "She feels so loved," says the friend of the actress' relationship with singer John Mayer. "John has really been doting on her. I mean, the

presents, phone calls, romantic dinners he's laying it on thick. It a11 makes Jen feel really imporand special." Aniston

reportedly feels that after all she has been through

watching her ex-husband Brad Pitt's family with actress Angelina Jolie grow, she'd love for Pitt to see photos of her holding her own baby.

"Jen feels so strongly that John is 'the one,'" says a source. "She knows he can handle being a dad."

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## Scarlett's all for Canada

RELATIONSHIPS Scarlett Johansson, who in May announced her engagement to Canadian-born actor Ryan Reynolds, says she's eager to become an honorary Canadian - and hopefully pass through the border quickly from now on. People.com re-

"I've had wonderful times in Canada. It's a lovely country. It's a beautiful country and hopefully I'll be able to get through immigration faster now!' METRO NEWS SERVICES

## celebrity brief Leona working on fashion line

**RUMOUR** Leona Lewis is set to launch her own fashion line, femalefirst.co.uk re-

The singer is due to meet Sir Philip Green, the owner of British high street chain Topshop, about designing her own collection.

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Lewis has said she would like to design nonleather shoes and METRO NEWS



## "This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

carlett Johansson wants to become a Canadian? peasey, Scar. Just wait for somebody to step on your foot, then apologize to them. This, plus get-ting a hockey haircut, will automatically qualify you for Canadian citizenship.

In all fairness to the TV executive who told **Anna** Friel to lay off the doughnuts, he had just watched her scream, You! You! Git in ma belly!" at a Krispy Kreme.

Leona Lewis wants to design "animal-friendly" bags. I have an extremely animal-friendly hockey bag in my attic. A raccoon had babies inside it. I'm mailing it to her to-

morrow. **Katie Holmes** just wants you to know she's a normal girl. She trips, she runs into things, and she spills food. This tells me just one thing: Tom **Cruise** needs to get somebody to look at his wireless "Katie-Controller" system. What's the use of surgically altering your wife's appearance until it's identical to your own if the chip in her head goes on the fritz and she escapes?

Chace Crawford frets over his grandparents blanching at the sight of him having sex on a barstool? I never had that problem, but of course, my grandparents owned the bar.

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## celebrity brief

"I'm

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tress

said.

## Angie pregnant with No. 3

BABY NEWS Angie Harmon is prepping for baby No. 3, starmagazine.com reports.

The actress is three and half months along with her third child. She already has two daughters, Finley, 4, and Avery, 3, with retired football player Jason Sehorn.

"She is over the moon and glowing," a source said. "And because the actress is so thin she is

already sporting a tiny bump. METRO NFW



## Keira out to prove smarts bookshelf: a history of the

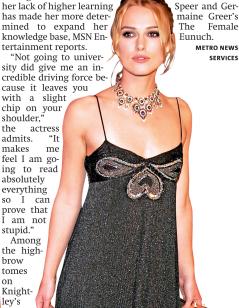
PEOPLE "I am completely uneducated. That's Keira Knightley,

talking to Tatler about how her lack of higher learning has made her more determined to expand her knowledge base, MSN Entertainment reports.

with a slight chip on your shoulder," actress admits. "It me makes feel I am going to read absolutely everything I can prove that am not

stupid." Among the highbrow tomes on Knight-

ley's



# ZERO DEGREES OF SEPARAT between you and the red carpet

Leonardo DiCaprio is mourning the death of his beloved grandmother. The actor's grandmother Helene Indenbirken died in a hospital in her native North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. She was 93. No date or cause of death has yet been confirmed. IMDB.COM

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Justin dishes about Madonna

## **Celebrity Buzz**

## Cameron's relationship on the rocks?

**RELATIONSHIPS** Cameron Diaz reportedly wants to end her romance with her latest lover Paul Sculfor, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress' relationship with the model is in trouble after just two months, sav friends.



move in with Sculfor.

"Paul has moved his things into Cameron's Los Angeles home, but she insists the relationship has no strings attached," a source told Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper. "She has a 'don't ask don't tell'

> Katie admits nerdiness PEOPLE Katie Holmes has revealed she was a nerd at school. reports.

much luck with boys while she school. "In hindsight, think

going to

girls

all-

seeing them as friends." smooth type of girl, I run into METRO NEWS things, I trip, I spill food, I say stupid things - I really don't have it all together. But I'm working on it - I really am.' Holmes also revealed she nevhad

femalefirst.co.uk

The actress admits de-

spite her calm and elegant

exterior, she is actually

nerd," Holmes said. "I am

"I can't deny that I'm a

just like everybody else.

who I am. I'm pretty

normal, I'm not a

## Show makes Chace squirm

TELEVISION Chace Crawford says he can sometimes get uncomfortable with the racy undertone of his hit show Gossip Girl, usmagazine.com reports.

"Is that a weight on my science?" con-Crawford says in an interview with London's The Independent. "Well. yes, think it is come from a moral background, and I can see the power of the show, and imagine my old school teachers cringing, or my grandparents thinking, 'Oh, my God,' when they see me, say, having sex on barstool. But you have to remember, this is not a reality show. It's supposed to be pure en-tertainment.'

meant we missed out so-

cially," she added to Britain's OK! Magazine.

We came out of school

and it was suddenly, 'Oh

my God! Boys!' I was all

about, 'How do I look?

What is he thinking?' We weren't used to being

around boys in a nor

mal setting and

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IUSIC Singer Justin Timberlake has opened up about working with pop star Madonna. deeming her as a very "specific" per-

son to work with, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Timberlake,

who collaborated with Madonna on the single 4 Minutes, admits it time took for them to see eye to eye during their recording ses-

"Madonna

definitely specific about what she wants and I can't knock her for that." he said. "I respond to that because I'm that way, too. But I also think that it took us just a second to mesh our style, that's all. We're both strong per-

sonalities, some of us stronger than others and I didn't know it at the time. But I actually joyed the process of working with her."

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## celebrity brief

## **Anna reveals** weight struggle

PEOPLE British actress Anna Friel found it hard to find work when she moved to the United States because she refused to lose weight for roles, imdb.com reports.

"The obsession with weight today is just incredible ... I don't understand it. the Pushing Daisies star says METRO NEWS SERVICES

## celebrity brief

## It's baby times 2 for Lisa Marie

BABY NEWS Lisa Marie Preslev is pregnant with twins. her rep has confirmed.

Presley, 40, who is expected to give birth in the fall, has two teenage children, daughter Riley, 19, and son Benjamin, 15, with ex Danny Keough. The twins will be Presley's first children with husband Michael Lockwood. METRO NEWS

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